GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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EXPORT OF AYURVEDIC MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has registered its reservations against the European Union laws which are coming in the way of export of Ayurvedic Medicines;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a to c) The Government has already taken up the issue of doing away with the condition of 15 years usage in Europe for registration of Ayurvedic products, with the European Union (EU) Trade Commissioner. The India - EU Joint Commission has also agreed that a meeting of the experts of Ayurveda would be organized under the aegis of the Working Group on Pharmaceuticals & Bio-technology, the first meeting of which is likely to be held in January, 2006. A technical workshop of EU experts is also proposed to be organized for acquainting them with the basic principles of Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani Systems as well as the scientific work done so far for scientific validation, standardization and quality control of the medicines.